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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS : ETRN, TH

SUBJECT : SHIPPING: THAI REFUSAL TO PERMIT ENTRY OF LASH
VESSELS

REF: BANGKOK 5001

TOKYO FOR MARITIME ATTACHE

PASS: MR. RICHARD GAGE, OFFICE INT'S ACTIVITIES, MARITIME ADMIN

1. LOCAL PFEL AGENT INFORMED EMBOFF RECENTLY THAT NEW
SNAG HAS DEVELOPED IN EFFORTS TO INTRODUCE LASH VESSELS
INTO THAILAND. AT HARBOUR DEPT. MEETING JULY 10 VARIOUS
INTERESTED PARTIES DISCUSSED MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
DECISION TO APPROVE IN PRINCIPLE USE OF LASH VESSELS IN
THAILAND. LEGAL OPPOSITION CENTERED ON MINISTRY'S AUTHORITY
TO EXEMPT FOREIGN LASH BARGES FROM PROVISIONS OF THAI
VESSELS ACT PROVIDED " THAT INADEQUATE THAI VESSELS ARE
AVAILABLE TO SERVE CERTAIN PORTS OF THAI TERRITORIAL
WATERS." PARTICIPANTS POINTED OUT THAT THAI LIGHTERS
ARE PLENTIFUL AND ADMISSION OF FOREIGN LASH BARGES MIGHT
RESULT IN LEGAL ACTION BEING TAKEN BY THAI BARGE OWNERS.
MEETING ENDED INCONCLUSIVELY WITH PROMISE THAT DISCUSSION
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WOULD BE REPORTED TO HIGHER AUTHORITY AND PARTICIPANTS

WOULD BE INFORMED OF ANY DECISION (LATTER HAS NOT YET HAPPENED).

2. PFEL AGENT REQUESTED EMBOFF NOT TO INTERVENE WITH RTG PENDING BANGKOK VISIT OCT. 6-10 OF MR. WILLIAM MORTSON, PFEL'S SOUTHEAST ASIA REP FROM HONG KONG, WHO WILL BE HERE SPECIFICALLY TO DISCUSS LASH PROBLEM. LOCAL AGENT UNAWARE OF PFEL'S TIME FRAME FOR INTRODUCTION LASH INTO THAILAND, AND, THUS, HESITANT TO PRESS FOR RTG CONCURRENCE. AGENT PREPARED TO PERMIT THAI BARGE OWNERS TO RECEIVE AND DELIVER CARGO TO LASH BARGES IN ORDER TO GET SYSTEM INTRODUCED HERE.

3. ABOVE INFO COMMUNICATED TO SOMECK, MARITIME ATTACHE TOKYO DURING BANGKOK STOPOVER SEPT. 27.
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